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## Introduction

The 2007 resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council was held on 4 and 17 October 2007. The action taken by the Council at that session is summarized herein.

# Chapter VII
# General segment

## A. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

1. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 6 (Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) transmitting the report of the FAO Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/2007/74).

### Action taken by the Council

2. Under agenda item 6, the Council adopted **decision 2007/276**.

**Report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action**

3. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on World Food Security on the progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/2007/74) (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/276**.

## H. Economic and environmental questions

### 7. Public administration and development

4. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (g) (Public administration and development) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session.[1]

### Action taken by the Council

5. Under agenda item 13 (g), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/38**.

[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 24* (E/2007/44).

**Recommendation contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session**

6. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.40) entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee", submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada, in her capacity as facilitator, proposed an oral correction to the draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba (see E/2007/SR.48).

8. Also at the 48th meeting, following a point of clarification by the Secretary of the Council, the representative of Canada proposed an oral revision to operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session and dates, venue and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee", contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (see E/2007/SR.48).[2]

9. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the text of the draft resolution contained in the report,[2] as orally amended (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council resolution 2007/38.

10. Also at the 48th meeting, draft resolution E/2007/L.40 was withdrawn (see E/2007/SR.48).

**8. International cooperation in tax matters**

11. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (h) (International cooperation in tax matters) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). The Council had before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session.[3]

## Action taken by the Council

12. Under agenda item 13 (h), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/39**.

**Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

13. At its 48th meeting, the Council had before it a draft resolution (E/2007/L.38) entitled "Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters" submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

14. Also at the 48th meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution E/2007/L.38 (see E/2007/SR.48).

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[2] Ibid., chap. I.

[3] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 45* (E/2006/45).

15. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **resolution 2007/39**.

16. Also at the same meeting, draft resolution E/2007/L.30, which was before the Council at its 47th meeting on 27 July 2007, was withdrawn (see E/2007/SR.49).

### 9. United Nations Forum on Forests

17. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (i) (United Nations Forum on Forests) at its 48th and 49th meetings, on 4 and 17 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.48 and 49). It had before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session.[4]

## Action taken by the Council

18. Under agenda item 13 (i), the Council adopted **resolution 2007/40 and decisions 2007/273, 2007/274, 2007/277 and 2007/278**.

#### Term of office of the members of the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests

19. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, the Council adopted draft decision I, entitled "Term of office of the members of the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests", recommended by the Forum in its report[5] (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/273**.

#### Dates and venue for the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

20. At its 48th meeting, the Council adopted draft decision II, entitled "Dates and venue for the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests", recommended by the Forum in its report[5] (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/274**.

#### Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

21. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council had before it a proposed amendment (E/2007/L.39) to the draft resolution, entitled "Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests", contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests,[6] which was submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations.

22. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution and the proposed amendment thereto (see E/2007/SR.49).

23. Also at the 49th meeting, the Council adopted the proposed amendment to the draft resolution (E/2007/L.39) (see E/2007/SR.49).

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[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 22* and corrigendum (E/2007/42 and Corr.1).

[5] Ibid., chap. I. B.

[6] Ibid., chap. I. A.

24. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as amended (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **resolution 2007/40**.

25. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Brazil (see E/2007/SR.49).

**Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for its eighth session**

26. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for its eighth session", recommended by the Forum in its report[5] (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/277**.

27. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; and Moldova and Ukraine) and Indonesia (see E/2007/SR.49).

**Support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future meetings**

28. At the 49th meeting, on 17 October, the Council had before it a draft decision (E/2007/L.41) entitled "Support to the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests in preparing for its future meetings", submitted by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China).

29. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/278**.

30. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement (see E/2007/SR.49).

## 11. Cartography

31. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 (k) (Cartography) at its 48th meeting, on 4 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48). It had before it the report of the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7).

### Action taken by the Council

32. Under agenda item 13 (k), the Council adopted **decision 2007/275**.

**Report of the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific**

33. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Seventeenth United Nations

Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7) and to endorse the recommendation that the eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific be convened for a period of five days in 2009 (see E/2007/SR.48). See Council **decision 2007/275**.

# I. Social and human rights questions

## 1. Advancement of women

34. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (a) (Advancement of women) at its 49th meeting, on 17 October. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.49). The Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.[7]

### Action taken by the Council

35. Under agenda item 14 (a), the Council adopted **decision 2007/279**.

#### Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

36. At its 49th meeting, on 17 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions (see E/2007/SR.49). See Council **decision 2007/279**.

[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/62/38).

# Chapter VIII
# Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

1. The Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (under agenda item 1) at its resumed substantive session. The question was considered at its 48th meeting, on 4 October 2007. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2007/SR.48).

## Action taken by the Council

2. Under the agenda item on elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments, the Council adopted **decision 2007/201 D**.

# Chapter IX
# Organizational matters

## D. Resumed substantive session

1. The Council held its resumed substantive session of 2007 at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 17 October 2007. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2007/SR.48 and 49).

### Action taken by the Council

2. Under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), the Council adopted **decision 2007/272**.

**Multi-year programme of work for the 2008 and 2009 annual ministerial reviews of the Economic and Social Council**

3. At its 48th meeting, on 4 October, on the proposal of the President, the Council decided to adopt the following themes for its annual ministerial reviews for the next two years:

(a) 2008: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development";

(b) 2009: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

4. Also at the 48th meeting, following the adoption of the oral decision, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the United States of America and Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) (see E/2007/SR.48).